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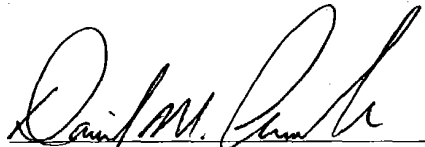
Development of these important methods will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed. Impairment will occur because additional financial resources will be required to bring the subject invention to the stage of development required for commercialization. Androclus is an early stage biotechnology company that relies entirely on third party investor financing to provide the capital necessary for development of its technology, including the subject invention. Receiving expedited examination of this patent application will serve to reduce uncertainty as to the patentability of the invention. Reduced uncertainty will allow Androclus and prospective investors to more accurately assess the value of the invention, and hence facilitate obtaining the capital necessary to advance the technology to a commercial stage. If, on the other hand, examination is delayed, uncertainty as to the patentability of the invention will continue, thereby making valuation of the technology, and hence efforts to raise sufficient capital for development the instant medically important methods, more difficult, if not impossible.

Applicant respectfully requests prompt consideration of this petition, and an early notice of decision hereon. If additional information would be helpful in reaching a decision, Applicant encourages the reviewing officer to telephone the undersigned at his/her earliest convenience so that such information can be provided expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

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